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**Louisiana Crop Prospects**

Louisiana will long remember 2005 and the devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina, but the state's agriculture appears to be largely unscathed. Only the state's sugarcane crop took a noticeable hit from Katrina. Record or near record yields are expected from Louisiana's soybean, cotton, rice and sorghum crops in 2005. Although the early season got off to a slow start, the hot, dry weather has allowed farmers to catch up with the normal harvesting schedule for most crops.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 1.15 million bales, up 15 percent from last month and up 30 percent from 2004. Acreage of cotton expected for harvest was revised to 600,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from the June 1 estimate. The expected yield per acre, at 920 pounds, is up 106 pounds from last month and up 53 pounds from 2004. If realized, this will be the second largest yield in the state's history.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 30.7 million cwt, up 3 percent from the August 1 estimate and up 8 percent from 2004. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 525,000 acres, down 8,000 acres from the 2004 crop. Yield per acre is forecast at 5,850 pounds, up 150 pounds from last month and 500 pounds from last year. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record in the state.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 10.92 million net tons, down 9 percent from the previous month and down 1 percent from last year. Sugarcane acreage for harvest (sugar and seed) was revised to 455,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from the June 1 estimate. Yield is forecast at 24 net tons per acre, down 8 percent from the August 1 estimate but up slightly from 2004.

**Soybean** production is expected to total 30.1 million bushels in Louisiana, up 9 percent from the August 1 estimate, but down 8 percent from a year ago. An estimated 860,000 acres will be harvested, down 13 percent from 2004. Yield is forecast at a record 35 bushels per acre.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 49.0 million bushels, up 12 percent from the previous month, but down 11 percent from 2004. An estimated 350,000 acres will be harvested for grain, a 15 percent drop from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 140 bushels, is up 15 bushels from last month and up 5 bushels from a year ago.

**Sorghum** production is estimated at 9.03 million bushels in the state, up 14 percent from the August 1 estimate and up 74 percent from a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 95,000 acres, 15,000 acres more than last year's 80,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 95 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels from the previous month and up 30 bushels from 2004. If realized, this would be the record yield in the state, surpassing the previous record, set in 2001 and matched in 2003, of 85 bushels per acre.

**United States Crop Prospects**

All **cotton** production is forecast at 22.3 million 480-pound bales, up 5 percent from the August forecast but 4 percent below last year's production. Yield is expected to average 782 pounds per acre, 34 pounds above last month. If realized, both the yield and production will be the second highest on record. The September harvested area is expected to total 13.7 million acres, up less than 1 percent from August and 5 percent above 2004. Producers in the Great Plains, California, Georgia, New Mexico and Louisiana are expecting higher yields than last month. Yield expectations in Texas increased due to excellent growing conditions in the High Plains area.

**Rice** production is forecast at 228 million cwt, up less than 1 percent from the August forecast but down 1 percent from last year. Planted area was revised to 3.37 million acres, up 2 percent from the June estimate and up less than 1 percent from 2004. Area expected for harvest, at 3.34 million acres, is up 2 percent from last month and up slightly from 2004. As of September 1, the U.S. all rice yield is forecast at 6,830 pounds per acre, down 67 pounds per acre from last month and down 112 pounds from last year's record high yield.

In Louisiana, minimal damage was observed from Hurricane Katrina. In northern and central areas of Louisiana, lodging had occurred in some fields but elsewhere in the state a majority of the rice was already harvested. In Mississippi, there were numerous reports of lodged rice, with expected yield loss and decreased harvest efficiency.

**Sugarcane** production for sugar and seed in 2005 is forecast at 30.2 million tons, 3 percent below the August forecast but 4 percent above 2004. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 942,900 acres for sugar and seed during the 2005 crop year, down less than 1 percent from August but 4,700 acres more than last year's final harvested area. Yield is forecast at 32.0 tons per acre, 0.8 ton below the previous forecast but 1.1 tons above the 2004 yield. The production forecast for Louisiana is down over 1 million tons, due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Harvested acreage in Louisiana is forecast at 455,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from August, while expected yield, at 24.0 tons per acre, is 2.0 tons below the previous forecast.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.86 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 9 percent from the record crop of 2004. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.6 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from August. Adequate moisture across most of the Corn Belt and the Great Plains by the end of the month was a relief for many dry areas, including most of the drought-stricken areas of Illinois and Missouri. The Delta and Southeast also received favorable moisture, maintaining good yield potential in most areas, including a record high forecast in Louisiana and a record tying forecast in South Carolina.

**Corn** production is forecast at 10.6 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month but 10 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the second largest crop on record. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from August but

17.2 bushels below the record high last year. Forecast yields are down from the previous year in all Corn Belt states except Michigan and Wisconsin.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 398 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 66.0 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from August but down 3.8 bushels from last year. The yield in Kansas, the largest producing state, is expected to be 74.0 bushels, up 5.0 bushels from August but down 2.0 bushels from 2004. Texas, the second largest sorghum producing state, expects a yield of 56.0 bushels per acre, which is unchanged from last month but down 6.0 bushels from last year. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 6.03 million acres, unchanged from August but 7 percent below last year.

### CROP REPORT – LOUISIANA September 1, 2005

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005
Corn for grain	410	<b>350</b>	135	<b>140</b>	bushels	55,350	<b>49,000</b>
Upland Cotton	490	<b>600</b>	867	<b>920</b>	lbs: bales	885	<b>1,150</b>
Rice	533	<b>525</b>	5,350	<b>5,850</b>	lbs: cwt	28,522	<b>30,713</b>
Sorghum for grain	80	<b>95</b>	65	<b>95</b>	bushels	5,200	<b>9,025</b>
Soybeans	990	<b>860</b>	33	<b>35</b>	bushels	32,670	<b>30,100</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	465	<b>455</b>	23.8	<b>24.0</b>	net tons	11,067	<b>10,920</b>
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	370	<b>400</b>	3.0	<b>2.5</b>	tons	1,110	<b>1,000</b>

### CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES September 1, 2005

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005
Corn for grain	73,632	<b>74,318</b>	160.4	<b>143.2</b>	bushels	11,807,217	<b>10,638,661</b>
Upland Cotton	12,809	<b>13,408</b>	843	<b>772</b>	lbs: bales	22,505.1	<b>21,575.0</b>
Rice	3,325	<b>3,343</b>	6,942	<b>6,830</b>	lbs: cwt	230,818	<b>228,338</b>
Sorghum for grain	6,517	<b>6,030</b>	69.8	<b>66.0</b>	bushels	454,894	<b>397,721</b>
Soybeans	73,958	<b>72,184</b>	42.5	<b>39.6</b>	bushels	3,140,996	<b>2,856,449</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	938.2	<b>942.9</b>	30.9	<b>32.0</b>	net tons	29,013	<b>30,161</b>
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	61,916	<b>61,723</b>	2.55	<b>2.43</b>	tons	157,774	<b>149,917</b>

<sup>1</sup>Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

**State Rankings - Harvested Acres, Selected Crops:  
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2004**

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	LA Rank
Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	OH	KS	MO	WI	22
Upland Cotton	TX	GA	MS	AR	NC	CA	AL	TN	LA	MO	9
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	TX	MO					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	NE	OK	CO	SD	MO	NM	IL	LA	10
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	MO	NE	OH	SD	ND	AR	18
Sugarcane	LA	FL	TX	HI							1
Sweet Potatoes	NC	LA	MS	CA	TX	AL	NJ	SC	VA		2
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	OK	TX	SD	WA	CO	NE	MN	28
<b>Total Acres of Principal Crops Harvested<sup>1</sup></b>	IA	IL	KS	ND	TX	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	26

<sup>1</sup> Crops included are corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, rye, durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, canola, proso millet and sugarbeets. Includes double cropped acres and unharvested small grains planted as cover crops.

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Sugarcane	FL	LA	HI	TX							2
Sweet Potatoes	NC	CA	MS	LA	TX	AL	NJ	SC	VA		4
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	OK	WA	SD	TX	ID	MN	NE	28

## Cash Receipts From Sales: Louisiana, 2004

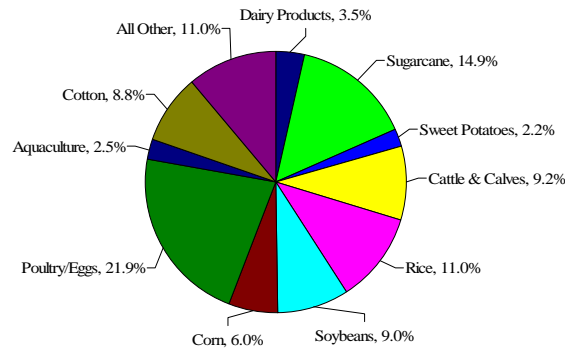
Rank	Commodity	Cash Receipts Dollars	Percent Of Total
1	Poultry/Eggs	486,631,000	21.9
2	Sugarcane	331,220,000	14.9
3	Rice	243,420,000	11.0
4	Cattle & Calves	205,490,000	9.2
5	Soybeans	200,610,000	9.0
6	Cotton	196,766,000	8.8
7	Corn	134,591,000	6.0
8	Dairy Products	77,220,000	3.5
9	Aquaculture	56,116,000	2.5
10	Sweet Potatoes	48,881,000	2.2
	All Other Commodities	244,858,000	11.0
	<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>2,225,803,000</b>	

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